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From: Weber, Courtney [Weber.Courtney@epa.gov]
Sent: 10/29/2019 9:12:57 PM
To: Merz, Martin [merz.martin@epa.gov]; Wu, Jennifer [Wu.Jennifer@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: NPDES Discussion with EPA

I think it might be a good idea to have a quick 30 minute meeting re search terms. Might also be useful to include Jennifer MacDonald. I'll send a meeting invite around.

From: Merz, Martin <merz.martin@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2019 2:02 PM
To: Wu, Jennifer <Wu.Jennifer@epa.gov>
Cc: Weber, Courtney <Weber.Courtney@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: NPDES Discussion with EPA

Hi Jenny and Courtney,

This exchange below is an example of things I've found so far that your search terms wouldn't find – Chief Joe / Joseph don't show up anywhere in it.

Marshall has 'Chief Joseph' in his email signature which is helpful for many of our exchanges but we have quite a few threads that don't say 'NPDES' or 'permit'.

If there's a way to search communications with certain individuals, searching any of my communication with Marshall Grip would be effective, it's not an overwhelming amount of material and all our communication would be relevant to the Chief Joe permit. Same with my limited communications with Brian Wilson – in most cases if I'm sending the email to him it would be about Chief Joe.

If searching communication with specific people isn't an option, the words 'sample' or 'sampling' AND Chief Joe/Joseph would rope more communications in. Also 'application' and 'Chief Joseph' would help rope in more of Marshall and my conversations.

To capture Jenny and my communications about Chief Joe:
'draft' and 'marshall'
'Stormwater' and 'chief joe/joseph'

Just some preliminary thinking, we should discuss more and look through some emails.

Please let me know how I can be more helpful.

Best,

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From: Wilson, Brian J CIV USARMY CENWS (US) <Brian.J.Wilson@usace.army.mil>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 11:22 AM
To: Merz, Martin <merz.martin@epa.gov>; Grip, Marshall A CIV USARMY CENWS (US) <Marshall.A.Grip@usace.army.mil>

Cc: Wu, Jennifer <Wu.Jennifer@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: NPDES Discussion with EPA

Thank you for the follow up Martin. We'll relay this information to the PDT and continue working through our process.

-Brian

From: Merz, Martin [<mailto:merz.martin@epa.gov>]

Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 10:50

To: Wilson, Brian J CIV USARMY CENWS (US) <Brian.J.Wilson@usace.army.mil>; Grip, Marshall A CIV USARMY CENWS (US) <Marshall.A.Grip@usace.army.mil>

Cc: Wu, Jennifer <Wu.Jennifer@epa.gov>

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: NPDES Discussion with EPA

Hi Brian and Marshall,

Thanks so much for the productive conversation this morning.

I wanted to follow up on a few points, please share with Harlin as you see fit:

- 1) I mentioned that we would be aiming to turn the permit around in 6 months once we receive a complete permit application. This is true, but I wanted to caveat this answer with a few procedures that EPA goes through before issuing final permits that have the potential to extend our process:
 - 401 water quality certification from states and tribes: we share draft permits with states and tribes adjacent to the receiving water, in this case WA and the Colville Tribe, for their certification that the permits will result in discharges that meet their water quality standards.
 - Tribal consultation – we share draft permits and consult with interested tribes, taking their concerns into account.
 - ESA consultation – we write a Biological Evaluation describing if/how the proposed allowed discharges would impact endangered species, and engage in ESA consultation with the NOAA.
 - We work with our own EPA headquarters on any policy issues that can come up during the permit writing process.

All of these procedures can be unpredictable in terms of timing. I do feel that since many issues are being worked out currently in the context of the Lower Columbia/Lower Snake/Grand Coulee Dam permit writing process, that the Chief Joseph permit writing process will be more smooth, but this is hard to predict. I just wanted to follow up to make clear that the 6 months is a goal that in this case I feel is reasonable, but that it is not set in stone.

- 2) Please see the contact information for Jenny's contacts at BOR below. Jenny is happy to make an introduction if that helps. Will be good to get in touch with them and see how they've approached some of the issues you are beginning to wrestle with.

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Be in touch with any questions or follow ups!

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-----Original Appointment-----

From: Wilson, Brian J CIV USARMY CENWS (US) <Brian.J.Wilson@usace.army.mil>

Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 6:44 AM

To: Wilson, Brian J CIV USARMY CENWS (US); Grip, Marshall A CIV USARMY CENWS (US); Wu, Jennifer; Merz, Martin

Subject: NPDES Discussion with EPA

When: Monday, February 11, 2019 9:00 AM-10:00 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada).

Where: Teleconference

Meeting to discuss NPDES permit application process and Q&A for Project level data collections.

Call-in:

Phone: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Access: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Security: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)